

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by January 16, 2003.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the proposed drawing correction filed on August 16, 2002 was not approved on grounds the correction introduced new matter. The original objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) was maintained on grounds that the features of claim 10 are not shown in the drawings. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by JP 4-172,944 to Baba. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baba.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of claim 3, if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Looking first at the objections to newly submitted Fig. 4, the Applicants file herewith a correct version of new Fig. 4, in which the eccentric element 8, rather than the eccentric wheel 10, is shown as being formed as one-piece with the rotor 3, as recited in claim 10.


In view of the allowance of claim 3, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to add the features of claim 3. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is also allowable

over the cited art, as are claims 2 and 4-10, all of which depend on amended claim 1.

In light of the foregoing arguments in support of patentability, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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